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Judicial Nominees *Alaska Supreme Court*

The Alaska Judicial Council met in Anchorage on December 5-6, 2022, to interview applicants for a position on the Alaska Supreme Court. Following its meeting, the Alaska Judicial Council announced that **Dani Crosby, Kate Demarest, Aimee A. Oravec, and Jude Pate** were nominated as the most qualified applicants to fill the judicial vacancy. The governor has 45 days in which to make an appointment from among these nominees.

The Judicial Council is required to nominate the most qualified applicants applying for a judicial vacancy. (The framers of our Constitution referred to this standard as the "best available timber.")

The Council is a citizens' commission created by the Alaska Constitution composed of three attorneys, three non-attorneys, and the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court. The Council completes an extensive investigation and evaluation of judicial applicants. The Council reviews each applicant's education, experience, bar discipline and credit records, participation in community activities, and other records. It asks members of the Alaska Bar to evaluate the applicants, encourages the public to submit comments, and interviews the applicants.

Nominees for the Alaska Supreme Court are:

Dani Crosby: Judge Crosby has been an Alaska resident for 36½ years and has practiced law for 26½ years. She graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1996 and is currently a superior court judge in Anchorage.

Kate Demarest: Ms. Demarest has been an Alaska resident for 12½ years and has practiced law for 14 years. She graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 2008 and is currently a senior assistant attorney general in the Opinions, Appeals, and Ethics section at the Department of Law in Anchorage.

Aimee A. Oravec: Ms. Oravec has been an Alaska resident for 23½ years and has practiced law for 24 years. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law in 1998 and is currently general counsel for Doyon Utilities, LLC.

Jude Pate: Judge Pate has been an Alaska resident for 29½ years and has practiced law for 28½ years. He graduated from Lewis & Clark Northwestern School of Law in 1993 and is currently a superior court judge in Sitka.

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